



Burr Oak Woods

Conservation Nature Center Newsletter

The Nutshell ~ September 2008



Urban Hunting in Kansas City

Gasoline prices continue to soar and hunters are looking for hunting opportunities closer to home. Hunters from urban areas are no exception. Missouri's metropolitan areas are a complex mix of municipal and county governments, each with their own jurisdiction and set of laws. However, some of these governments do allow hunting within their boundaries. With a little research and hard work, metro hunters can successfully find a close-to-home hunting spot. The following are hunting possibilities that exist throughout the Kansas City area.

Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area

Located in Blue Springs, Burr Oak Woods offers managed hunts such as youth turkey hunts, managed archery deer hunts and managed muzzleloader deer hunts. Please check the *2008 Fall Deer & Turkey* Hunting Regulations and Information booklet for further details about these hunts.



James A. Reed Wildlife Area

This Conservation Area has much to offer in the realm of hunting including deer, dove, rabbit, squirrel and waterfowl. Many conservation areas have special regulations that limit hunting times, hunting methods or other activities. Please check the rules and regulations of the area you are hunting.

Kansas City Urban Deer Hunting - State Wide Managed Hunt System

Large landowners, publicly owned parks, or cities/counties with large properties have the option of enrolling their land in the Statewide Managed Hunt System, where licensed hunters are randomly selected from a pool of applicants. The landowner is the onsite manager of the hunt, but Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) administers hunter selection and issues managed hunt permits. Harvested deer are checked in onsite or at a designated check station.

Kansas City Urban Deer Hunting - Archery Managed Hunts with Limited Access

The second option for landowners, and the one we expect to be most commonly used, is to enter into a memorandum of agreement with MDC to manage white-tailed deer. The landowner again is the onsite manager of the hunt, but recruits hunters of his/her choosing. Hunters purchase resident or nonresident archery or firearms deer hunting permits. Hunting is restricted to archery equipment. Participating hunters receive a hunter authorization card to confirm that they have permission to participate in the hunt. Harvested deer are checked in via Telecheck, but the landowner is responsible for keeping a record of all deer harvested on the property.



Further information about urban deer hunting opportunities in the Kansas City area can be found at our website www.mdc.mo.gov and look under the Kansas City Region, the *2008 Fall Deer & Turkey* Hunting Regulations and Information, or call (816) 759-7305 (Ext. 2230).

Joe DeBold, Urban Wildlife Biologist

Helping Missourians connect with nature and conserve it, too!

Prairie Day

- **When:**

Saturday, September 20—Activities from 2:00 – 6:00p Concert from 6:00 – 7:00p

- **Where:**

Jerry Smith Park. Take I-435 south to Holmes Road exit, south on Holmes Road to 139th Street, then left (east) onto 139th Street. The park entrance is a short distance on the left.

- **Who should attend:**

All are welcome.

- **Plan ahead:**

The program is free and requires no registration, but bring a chair for the concert and work clothes if you want to participate in workday activities.

- **Call for more information:**

816-228-3766

Tag monarch butterflies, collect prairie seeds, make rope from prairie grasses, eat bison burgers (will be sold by Missouri Bison Association) and enjoy the sweet sounds of music at Prairie Day on Saturday, September 20. Held at the Jerry Smith Park in southeast Kansas City, this year's event is a partnership between Burr Oak Woods, Kansas City Wildlands, Kansas City Parks and Recreation, Kansas City Power and Light, Bridging the Gap, and the Missouri Prairie Foundation. To help celebrate the Kansas City region's collaborative efforts to restore local prairies, friends, families and kids can join prairie restoration workday activities, view prairie inspired artwork, take a bird walk, and see and touch live prairie animals, including snakes, birds, lizards and amphibians. The event will end with a concert at sunset, so bring a chair and settle in to enjoy the music after a full afternoon of prairie fun.

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Have More Fun, Make Deeper Connections

MDC DISCOVER nature

Remember when you were a kid and the outdoors seemed mysterious, even a little scary? Maybe you had a special adult who helped you explore nature who knew the names of plants and animals, who could bait a hook, or helped you learn to handle a gun safely. We bet you can still hear his or her voice, still recall the details of those special moments of discovery and mastery.

If you'd like to be that kind of mentor for a child in your life, Discover Nature – Families can help you explore nature and

master outdoor skills together. Whether you want to learn to fish, identify birds, or build a bird feeder we will have a class each month for you to learn along side the special child (ren) in your life.

Women, if inexperience is keeping you from enjoying Missouri's great outdoors then our Discover Nature – Women programs are for you. They are designed to give women 18 and older (Girls 14-17 are welcome to attend with an adult woman.) the skills and confidence to pursue a wide range of outdoor activities alone, with friends, or with family. From archery to hiking to gardening with native plants, there will be a class for everyone. We will be offering these 3 hour beginner courses at least once each season. We will also be offering the occasional class for those with intermediate skills.

Both of our Discover Nature programs involve engaging, hands-on learning that will make learning about nature fun. Check out the Discover Nature classes each month in the calendar section of the newsletter.

Have you noticed more flowers blooming in our garden?

We would like to thank Burr Oak Woods Volunteer Naturalist Barbara VanVleck for all of her hard work to make the garden outside our front door look fabulous. She selected and planted native Missouri plants that will do well in the shady garden and will have something blooming throughout the growing season. Barbara has recently become a Certified Master Naturalist in part because of her 60 hours of work on improving our garden. Congratulations Barbara and thanks for all that you do for us.

For more information on the Missouri Master Naturalist program visit their website at www.extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist.



September Programs

Please call 816-228-3766 **ON OR AFTER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008** to register for the free programs listed. It is important to arrive five minutes before the program time. If you have to cancel, please call as soon as possible, so someone on the waiting list can attend.

visit our website at www.burroakwoods.org

4 Thursday 7:00 – 8:00p

Stories from the Civil War

Ages 8 and up

Meet Elizabeth Walker, who lived at Burr Oak Woods during the time of the Civil War. Discover the secrets of the past at Burr Oak Woods during the years William Quantrill fought the Jayhawkers. Please call to register.

6 Saturday 10:00 – 11:00a

Rockin' & Readin' Nature Tales

Ages 2 and up

Join us for a story hour as we lead you on fantastic nature adventures! We will meet butterflies, birds, mammals, and all sorts of magnificent creatures! We will cross rivers, discover mysteries within the forest, and fly across the prairies. Our imaginations are the only limit. Your child(ren) will not want to miss these stories of exploration and discovery. No registration required.

6 Saturday 11:00 – Noon

Little Acorns: Old Fashioned Fishing Fun

Ages 3 – 6

Young and old alike have used cane poles to fish with for many year, we have worms, cane poles, hooks, and fish. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the fun at the educational pond! Please call to register.

6 Saturday 1:30 – 2:30p

Burr Oak Woods Fun Badge:

How Was Your Day?

Junior Girl Scouts

Calling all junior girl scouts! Burr Oak Woods now has a fun patch you can earn to wear on the back of your uniform! Come participate in an animal observation program that will fulfill one part of the Burr Oak Woods fun patch, as well as Wildlife #10. Please call to register.

6 Saturday 3:00 – 4:00p

Celebrating Prairies

All ages

Prairie Day will be here soon! Come get a preview of the event and discover many fascinating secrets about our prairies, past, present and future! No registration required.

7 Sunday 1:30 – 3:00p

Bethany Falls Hike

Ages 6 and up

Many amazing discoveries can be made while hiking along the Bethany Falls Trail. Discover what may be hiding in the rock crevices and the many uses of those same crevices during historical times. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. This hike is 1 1/3 miles long over some uneven terrain. No registration required.

10 Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00a or 1:00 – 2:00p

Little Acorns: Old Fashioned Fishing Fun

Ages 3 – 6

See details on the Saturday, September 6.

10 Wednesday

Homeschool: Nature Hunting

Ages 6 – 8

10:00 – 11:30a or 1:00 – 2:30p

Ages 9 – 11, 12 – 18

10:00 – 11:30a

You can hunt for many things in nature, both for consumptive and non-consumptive uses. Come and explore some of these options during this class designed specifically for homeschooled students. Please call to register.

13 Saturday 9:30 – 11:00a

Macro–Photography Scavenger Hunt

Adults 18 and up

Grab your cameras and join in the fun as we search for exquisite subjects to photograph. Both digital and manual cameras will work for this program as long as they have some kind of macro setting. Learn some simple adjustments that you can make to most digital cameras to get the best close-up picture possible. The first person to complete the scavenger hunt by taking photos of everything on the list will receive an award. Please call to register.

20 Saturday 2:00 – 6:00p

Prairie Day at Jerry Smith Park

See details on page two.

22 Monday 1:00p

Wild Ones: Fort Osage Wild Edibles Hike

Adults 18 and up

Historian/Naturalist, Michael Duane will lead us on a unique hike along the Missouri River in search of some of the same edible and medicinal wild plants described in the journals of Lewis and Clark. We will meet at Fort Osage. Please call to register and for directions.

Little Acorns Fishing Programs



23 Tuesday 2:00 – 3:30 p

Young at Heart: Going, Going, Gone

Adults 55 and up

You have heard about the demise of the passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet, and many species today that could suffer the same fate - EXTINCTION! Join us as we discover what animals are in danger and what you can do to help. Please call to register.

23 Tuesday 6:30 – 8:00p

Conservation Kid's Club:

Take Your Parent Camping Night

Ages 7 – 13

It's time to plan our 7th annual *Take Your Parent Camping Night*! Let's get together to do some planning and then we'll head outdoors for an evening discovery hike! Please call to register.

24 Wednesday 8:30 – 10:00a

Bird Watchers: In the Pines

Adults 18 and up

From beginners to advanced, all birding levels welcomed. This month we will be exploring the Pine Grove near the front gate. We will meet at the front gate in the parking lot and set out from there. Please call to register.

24 Wednesday 11:00 – Noon

Babes in the Woods: Creek Crawling

Ages up to 36 months

Bring your little ones for a little exploring in a creek. You will need to be dressed to get your feet wet. Your little ones will need a change of clothes. Meet at the Bethany Falls parking lot. Then we will take a short hike to the Burr Oak creek. Please call to register.

25 Thursday 10:00 – 11:00a or 1:00 – 2:00p

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24 Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30p

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25 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00p

Young Friends of Nature:

Nature Gladiators

Teens 13 – 18

Get together with other teenagers for exhilarating outdoor adventures in this exciting monthly program series. "Fight" for your right to discover new and exciting things about nature. Some frogs can jump 20 times their body length. How far can you jump? Test your strength, speed, eyesight, and more as we see how the human body compares to other creatures capabilities. Please call to register.

27 Saturday 10:00 – 12:30p

28 Sunday 1:00 – 2:30p

Monarch Tagging

All ages

The monarch butterflies are moving to their winter home in central Mexico, and we are ready to tag them! Come help us capture, tag and release these beautiful butterflies. The tags are harmless to the butterfly. Tagging helps us to learn more about their incredible migration. We will also capture other butterflies to view their colors up-close. Please call to register.



11 Thursday 6:00 – 7:30p

Archery for Beginners – Session 1

Women 18 and up

GIRLS AGED 14 – 17 ALSO ARE WELCOME WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WOMAN.

Learn the basic techniques for shooting a bow and arrow without the use of sights. There will be a good amount of time to practice. Please call to register.

14 Sunday 1:00 – 2:30p

Archery for Beginners – Session 2

Women 18 and up

GIRLS AGED 14 – 17 ALSO ARE WELCOME WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WOMAN

Practice the techniques learned in Session 1 and learn tips on how to select bows, arrows, and other archery equipment. Please call to register.



Discover Nature Families programs are designed to help adults and children explore nature and master outdoor skills together.

30 Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30p

Let's Go Fishing!

Families WITH CHILDREN 5 AND UP

One of the best ways that a family can discover nature together is to go fishing! Join us as we pass down this important tradition. Please call to register.



monarch butterfly

***Join us as we feed the critters on exhibit at Burr Oak Woods
Conservation Nature Center on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3p
Each Sunday a nature film will be shown at 3:30p***



Nature Shop News

Featured Item for September & October

Tried & True Missouri Native Plants For Your Yard

Receive 20% off the regular price. Heritage Card Discount DOES NOT APPLY.

Plants in this publication are arranged by type: vines, ferns, grasses and sedges, perennials (subdivided by shade, some sun/some shade and full sun), shrubs, small trees and trees. Photos of each plant are combined with tables that outline growing conditions and height and width and maturity – information that will help you place native plants in your yard. As a further aid for designing your landscape, the tables include the season of interest, blossom color and maintenance tips. Also included are comments and references to the wildlife each species attracts.

2009 Calendars coming soon!

Watch the October Nutshell for information

Tree Keepers:

Volunteer Training for a Healthy Community Forest



This class is chock full of great information, everything from tree identification and species selection to urban soils, planting, pruning and diagnosing tree problems. In addition to the six evening sessions, there are two Saturday field sessions for hands on learning. **Attendance is required at each session; opportunities to make up sessions will be available.** Participants are asked to volunteer a total of 24 hours with Heartland Tree Alliance to help care for young trees on public property in the Kansas City region. **Evening sessions: Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 and November 11 and 18 from 6:30 to 8:30p. Saturday sessions: October 18 and November 1, 9:00a to Noon.** Classes will be held at Missouri Department of Conservation's Burr Oak Woods Nature Center. To register, call Angela at 816 561 1061, ext. 110. There is a \$25 registration and textbook/materials fee due before the first day of class. For information about Heartland Tree Alliance contact Program Coordinator Angela Schreffler at 816 561 1061 ext. 110 or treemail@bridgingthegap.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 816-655-6250 X247 OR 816-622-0900



National Hunting and Fishing Day

CELEBRATING OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE

Free!

September 27, 2008 @ James A. Reed Wildlife Area
Lee's Summit, MO
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Free!

FREE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY FUN!

A Great Chance to Learn about Outdoor Activities & Organizations in this Area

**FREE DRAWINGS
&
GIVEAWAYS!**

Hunting Dog Training Demonstrations

Fishing for Kids – with Prizes!

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CONSERVATION GROUPS:

Hunting Sports Plus
US Sportsmen's Alliance
Missouri Whitetails
Missouri Waterfowl Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
Safari Club International



Chief Arrowhead of the KC Chiefs will be signing autographs!!
Caricature artist, Deborah Moreno, will also be here!!

**Cowboy Action
Shooting**

**Fur Trappers
with Pelts**

**Muzzleloaders
Axe Throwing**

**We supply the clay birds, Firearms & ammo available for shooters without firearms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 816-655-6250 X247 OR 816-622-0900

Lake City

Shooting Range

28900 E Argo Road
Grain Valley, Mo 64029

816-229-4448

[www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/
ranges/lakecity/](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/lakecity/)

Please contact the range to
register for these programs.



6 Saturday, 9:00 – 11:00a

5-Stand Clay Target Shoot

13 Saturday, 10:00 – Noon

Women's Pistol Fun Shoot

18 Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00a

Beginner's Archery

27 Saturday, 9:00a – 1:00p

Cable Restraint

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